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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Docketing Department  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211

In Re: Docket No. 2009-489-E (SCE&G request to increase rates by 9.5%)

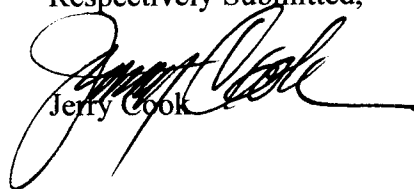
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as a formal complaint regarding referenced request to increase utility rates already in excess of other investor-owned utility companies.

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

I pray that the SCPSC will use prudence and reality when considering this unfair and unjust request by SCE&G to burden its customer's with this rate increase at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the depression.

Respectively Submitted,

  
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